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E.O. 12065: GDS 10/25/85 (FRIEDMAN, TOWNSEND B.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM AR
SUBJ: (U) HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMARY - OCTOBER 18-25
REF: BUENOS AIRES 8650
1. (C) SENTENCES, RELEASES, APPEARANCES -----
MARIA BLANCO DE GONZALES WHO DISAPPEARED ALONG WITH HER
THREE CHILDREN DURING THE VISIT OF THE IAHRC BUT FINALLY
WAS DECLARED TO BE DETAINED BY THE GOA CHARGED WITH
MONTONERO ACTIVITY, WAS GIVEN A PRISON SENTENCE OF 18
YEARS BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL, IT WAS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 23.
ANOTHER WOMAN, SARA ROLDAN DE LOPEZ, WAS GIVEN A SENTENCE OF SEVEN
YEARS FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. GONZALES, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS A
MEMBER OF A MONTONERO PROPAGANDA TEAM, RETURNED TO
ARGENTINA WITH HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN EARLIER THIS YEAR.
AN INTERESTING ASPECT OF HER CASE IS THAT IN ANSWERING
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A HABEAS CORPUS PETITION IN HER BEHALF, THE GOA STATED
THAT SHE WAS BEING HELD "IN CAMPO DE MAYO" BUT NOT AT
WHICH OF THE FACILITIES THERE. HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS
WERE INTRIGUED THAT THE GOA NOT ONLY ADMITTED THAT IT
HOLDS PEOPLE ON SUBVERSIVE CHARGES IN CAMPO DE MAYO BUT
SUGGESTED, BY IMPLICATION, THAT THERE IS MORE THAN ONE
DETENTION FACILITY THERE. MR. GONZALES, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN
TAKEN AT THE SAME TIME, HAS NOT BEEN SURFACED AND IS
BELIEVED DEAD.
2. (C) WE ALSO LEARNED THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE 25
PEOPLE WHO WERE RELEASED FROM LA PLATA PRISON IN JUNE
1979, ONLY TO BE RE-ARRESTED IN RESISTENCIA, HAS NOW
RECEIVED A PRISON SENTENCE FROM A MILITARY COURT THERE.
ANTONIO EDUARDO ZOARTE WAS GIVEN A SENTENCE OF TEN YEARS
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FOR "LINKS WITH SUBVERSION," NOT FURTHER ELABORATED IN SO FAR AS WE CAN DISCOVER.
3. (C) WE HAVE HEARD SEVERAL REPORTS OF DISAPPEARED INDIVIDUALS--UP TO PERHAPS TEN--WHO HAVE RECENTLY RE-APPEARED AFTER LONG ABSENCE. ONLY ONE REPORT IS CON-FIRMED--A MAN WHO DISAPPEARED IN DECEMBER 1978, WHOSE WIFE CAME TO THE EMBASSY TO TELL US THAT HE HAD RE-APPEARED LAST MONTH. SHE WAS MOST RELUCTANT TO GO INTO ANY DETAILS, HER HUSBAND APPARENTLY HAVING BEEN EXPLICITLY TOLD TO "FORGET EVERYTHING," AND THREATENED WITH REPRISALS SHOULD HE NOT HEED THIS ADVICE. THIS WOMAN DID STATE THAT ALL THE INDIVIDUALS BEING HELD WITH HER HUSBAND--BY IMPLICATION A SMALL NUMBER--WERE ALSO RELEASED. THESE REPORTED REAPPEARANCES HAVE STIRRED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS.
4. (C) THOUGH THE GOA HAS MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS, WE ALSO

UNDERSTAND THAT IT HAS CONTINUED TO RELEASE INDIVIDUALS BEING HELD UNDER PEN. WE HAVE ONE OPTION CASE WHO RECEIVED COMPLETE FREEDOM, WHICH CONFIRMS THIS PROCESS. THE NUMBERS BEING RELEASED ARE UNCERTAIN. WE ASKED A HIGH RANKING GOA OFFICIAL CONNECTED WITH THE PROGRAM FOR AN EXPLANATION OF ITS SILENCE ABOUT THESE RELEASES, ESPECIALLY SINCE PAST PRACTICE HAD BEEN TO MAKE PERIODIC ANNOUNCEMENTS. HE SAID THAT THE GOA WAS SIMPLY WAITING TO GATHER A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF RELEASES IN ORDER TO AVOID TRICKLING THE INFORMATION OUT. WHILE THIS IS PLAUSIBLE, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE GOA FEELS IT BETTER TO ACT SILENTLY RATHER THAN RISK INFLAMING FURTHER HARDLINE MILITARY MEN BY ANNOUNCING PEN RELEASES.
5. (U) JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES PROBLEMS -----
A PERUVIAN WITH A TEMPORARY VISA TO STUDY MEDICINE, HAS BEEN ORDERED OUT OF THE COUNTRY BECAUSE HE IS A MEMBER OF THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE EXPULSION ORDER WAS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MIGRATION IN CORDOBA. A LOCAL COURT REJECTED HIS APPEAL SAYING THAT BEFORE HE CAN GO TO THE COURTS HE MUST SEEK REDRESS THROUGH HIGHER AUTHORITY OF THE MIGRATIONS DEPARTMENT, AND THEN TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY. IF THESE RECOURSES FAIL, THEN, THE COURT SAID, HIS CASE CAN BE SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW.
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TAGS: SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF SEGARRA CHILDREN
1.(U) REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES IN CASES OF:
ALICIA ESTELA SEGARRA, AGE 23, DNI 11.991.862
JORGE ALEJANDRO SEGARRA, AGE 21, D I 12.200.612
LAURA SEGARRA, AGE 18, DNI NO. NOT AVAILABLE
2.(U) SEGARRA CHILDREN, FORMERLY RESIDENT IN MAR DEL PLATA, DISAPPEARED SOMETIME BETWEEN JUNE 20 AND JULY 10, 1978.
3. (LOU) PARENTS VISITED DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 29 TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING THEIR CHILDREN'S WHEREABOUTS. THEY WILL CONTACT EMBASSY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER FRIEDMAN NEXT MONTH TO LEARN RESULTS OF EMBASSY INQUIRY.
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